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STATE TREASURER PHIL ANGELIDES' STATEMENT IN HONOR OF CESAR CHAVEZ DAY

SACRAMENTO, CA – California State Treasurer Phil Angelides issued the following statement in honor of Cesar Chavez day:

“The first time I met Cesar Chavez in 1976 I was struck by his spirituality, his humble ways and his deep devotion to social justice.

“When Cesar Chavez founded the United Farm Workers in 1962, his battle was to gain decent wages and working conditions for America’s most downtrodden workers. He took up their cause and forged a movement that moved the conscience of America.

“He proclaimed, ‘People can work together, can organize themselves to solve their own problems and fill their own needs with dignity and strength.’ But Cesar Chavez also warned that, ‘It is not enough to progress as individuals while our friends and neighbors are left behind.’

“Cesar Chavez’ message was that we must create opportunity for everyone who wants to participate in the American dream. We can honor Cesar Chavez best, if we offer all Californians the education and the opportunity that will bring them success.

“That’s what Cesar Chavez meant when he said, ‘Our ambitions must be broad enough to include the aspirations and needs of others for their sakes and our own.’”

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